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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Barbee, <i>et al.</i>	)	Group Art Unit: 1711
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Serial No.: 10/092,128	)	Examiner: Rajguru, Umakant K
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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

BOX: FEE AMENDMENT  
Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

January 6, 2003  
Atlanta, Georgia 30308-2216

Dear Sir:

The Official Action mailed on September 4, 2002 has been received and carefully reviewed. In response thereto, Applicants submit the following Response.

**Remarks**

By the Office Action of September 4, 2002, Claims 1-72 are pending and currently Claims 1-20 are allowed and Claims 21-72 are rejected by the Office Action.

By the present Response, Applicant respectfully submits that the present application has been placed in full condition for allowance for the reasons given below.

The Office Action rejects Claims 21-72 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,232,388 to *Lan*. The Office Action notes that this application is a Continuation of Application No. 09/338,222 filed on June 22, 1999 which

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